

Tribes along the Danube—
CHATTI, QUADI, MARCOMANNI
IAZYGES— had' crossed the river,
overwhelmed a Roman garrison of
20,000 men and were pouring
unhindered into DACIA, RAETIA,
PANNONIA & NORICUM. Marcus Aurelius
checked Italy by enrolling Palatine, gladiators,
slaves, brigands and barbarous

mercenaries into legions depleted by war
& pestilence. He raised money by selling
the contents of the Imperial palaces. He
bribed the Germans & Scythian tribes to
attack the invaders in the rear. He trained his
army into disciplined strength, led them
through a hard campaign, mapped out with
strategic skill, drove the besiegers from Aquileia,
and routed them even to the Danube, until
nearly all were captured or dead.

167 AD

Marcus Aurelius and Verus
march against the Quadi
who seek and obtain peace.

167

Cuncan; Cal

Claudius Ptolemy

The Almagest

Year: 365d 5h 55m 13sec.

Early 167

An early attack of the Germanic invaders on the Danube frontier was driven off by the local commander, but further invasion followed

167 AD → 175 AD

Marcus Aurelius vs
invading German tribes